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FINGER LAKES DRILL TEAM PLACES WINS COMPETITION

(Rochester, NY) The Finger Lakes Group Drill Team won first place in all seven competition events, as well as, the sportsmanship award at the Northeast Region Cadet Competition.

Cadet Alex Rossbach received the highest test score, Cadet Yvonne Greco had the fastest female mile time, and Cadet Kathryn Wieczorek received honor cadet for the drill team competition.

After winning at the Wing level, the team represented New York Wing at the Northeast Region Cadet Competition in Newport, Rhode Island. The Cadet Competition is comprised of a Drill Competition and a Color Guard Competition. The Drill Competition consists of both standard and innovative drill competition, a written examination on all aspects of the cadet program, and a mile run. The team with the highest combined score is declared the winner of the competition.

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Finger Lakes Group Drill Team for winning the NER Cadet Drill Competition. Once again their hard work and dedication has resulted in another opportunity to represent Northeast Region at the National Competition," said Lt. Colonel David Hunter, Group Deputy Commander and Cadet Programs officer.

The Finger Lakes Group Drill Team consists of a core team of 16 cadets. To support the team are two Senior Member team advisors, three Senior Member staff members and one cadet alternate team member. The team comprises cadets from the Rochester Composite, Condor Composite and Batavia Cadet squadrons of Finger Lakes Group.

The Finger Lakes Group Drill Team will represent the Northeast Region (one of eight regions in Civil Air Patrol) at the National Cadet Competition held in Washington, DC on July 6 - 11. The Drill Team will be competing to win the USAF Chief of Staff Sweepstakes Award Trophy.